#### THE CALIFORNIA DEBT LIMIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

## January 23, 2008 Staff Report

# REQUEST FOR A QUALIFIED PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ALLOCATION FOR AN EXEMPT FACILITY PROJECT

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Applicant: California Pollution Control Financing Authority

**Allocation Amount Requested:** \$5,630,000

**Project Name:** Amador Valley Industries, LLC / Pleasanton Garbage Services, Inc.

Project Address, City, County, Zip Code:

Site A. – 3000 Busch Road, Pleasanton, Alameda, 94566

Site B. – 3110 Busch Road, Pleasanton, Alameda, 94566

**Project Sponsor Information:** 

Name: Amador Valley Industries, LLC / Pleasanton Garbage

Services, Inc.

Address: 3110 Busch Road

Pleasanton, CA 94566

**Principals:** Robert Molinaro, Robert Molinaro 1992 Trust, Macchiano 1994

Trust, Gina Cardera, Walt Lupeika, John Repetto and

Mike Lupeika

**Contact:** William J. Dobert **Phone:** (925) 846.2042

**Project User Information:** 

Name: Same as Project Sponsor
Address: Same as Project Sponsor
Contact: Same as Project Sponsor
Phone: Same as Project Sponsor

**Project Financing Information:** 

**Bond Counsel:** Law Offices of Leslie M. Lava Underwriter: Westhoff, Cone & Holmstedt

**Credit Enhancement Provider:** Wells Fargo Bank **Private Placement Purchaser:** Not applicable **TEFRA Hearing:** December 19, 2007

**Project Sponsor's principal activity:** According to the application, the Project Sponsor's principal activity is the collection, recycling, transportation and disposal of solid waste.

First Tier Business (Yes/No): Yes

**Regulatory Mandate (Yes/No):** Yes, California Integrated Waste Management Act (AB 939)

### **Sources of Funds:**

Tax-Exempt Bond Proceeds	\$5,630,000
Other Sources	\$ 220,080
Total Sources	\$5,850,080

### **Uses of Funds:**

New Equipment Purchase & Installation	\$5,500,000
Cost of Issuance (including discount)	\$ 297,171
Letter of Credit or Bond Insurance Fee	\$ 49,623
Other	\$ 3,286
Total Sources	\$5,850,080

**Description of Proposed Project:** According to the application, the Project Sponsor will purchase new vehicles. In addition, Pleasanton (Site B) will add a new sort screen and renovate its sort line; and Amador (Site A) will acquire new drop boxes, bins and carts.

## **Environmental impact:**

- 1) <u>Air Quality:</u> According to the application, the majority of the proposed project involves the purchase of CNG-fueled waste collection trucks. The use of CNG as a fuel will eliminate 90% of conventional pollution sources as compared to the operation of a diesel vehicle.
- 2) Water Quality: According to the application, the use of CNG as a fuel will minimize the particulate matter generated and eliminate the diesel residues associated with the operation of a diesel vehicle and consequently will minimize surface water contamination that generally finds its way into the San Francisco Bay and area ground water.
- 3) <u>Energy Efficiency:</u> According to the application, the us of CNG vehicles helps reduce dependence upon fossil fuels.
- 4) <u>Recycling of Commodities</u>: According to the application, adding a new screen on the Pleasanton (Site B) sort line may increase the diversion of waste from the landfill.
- 5) <u>Safety and Compliance</u>: According to the application, the Project Sponsor has always been in compliance with all state and federal regulations.
- 6) <u>Consumer Costs Savings and Efficiencies</u>: According to the application, consumers in the area will receive the benefit of better air quality through the elimination of diesel air pollutants. Tax-exempt financing of the proposed project will reduce the added cost of the purchase of the CNG vehicles.

**Local government support:** Letters of support have been received from Nelson Fialho, City Manager, of the City of Pleasanton.

**Legal Questionnaire:** No information was disclosed that raised any question regarding the financial viability or legal integrity of the applicant.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Committee approve \$5,630,000 in tax-exempt bond allocation.